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"Now, supposing the Chinese records to be incorrect and even exaggerated, we can, however, arrive at the conclusion that Formosa must have been peopled several centuries before the Christian era. The first Malayan tribes seem to have then invaded the island. In the fifth and sixth century they became a nation powerful enough to beat and dominate the primitive inhabitants. A new competitor, of Malayan origin too, now appeared. They occupied the northern section of Formosa, and were in all probability the ancestors of the Atayal. In the south, the Paiwan began to spread and occupy a great extent of territory. The highest degree of their grandeur and advancement they reached in XIIth century. It was then that they crossed the strait, or channel of Formosa and frightened the Chinese population by an unexpected landing and bold attack on the coast of Fokien. [253]

New immigrations of tribes of alien origin have since contributed to alter and complicate the character, manners and customs, language, and so on, of the Formosan aboriginal race; and this to such a degree that to-day it is almost impossible to solve the question as to the origin and ethnical affinities of the Formosan tribes. Among the new invading tribes, there were, for instance, the Bisayas. They appeared in 1174-1189, landing on the coast of Fokien. According to the Chinese records of that time, the Bisayas were a most ferocious people with great eyes, using ironlances, and bamboos, which they used to throw with force at their enemies. TERRIEN DE LECOUPERIE says,

they might have crossed the strait and passed over to Formosa and given origin to the name Piisaye, which later on was applied by the Chinese to the island Formosa."

"Naturally enough, the tribes living farthest up in the high mountains are most resistant to change. The Atayal, the Bunun, and the Paiwan, for example, will continue to annoy their Japanese rulers for some time to come. The Atayal huddle together in colonies and are most difficult to move; the Bunun live apart from one another in the mountains and are more easily moved to the foothills, where small villages are ready to receive these involuntary migrants. (4)

4. Interview with T. Soda, Professor of Public Health, Taihoku Imperial University.

In the course of a few years the old culture of the Formosan primitive will probably be only a memory, for the Japanese will have pushed their policy of ko-min-ka far into the high mountains. Fortunately, several scholars of the Imperial University have done extensive research in the origin, history, and customs of the aborigines, and these men are trying to preserve for future generations a true picture of native Formosan culture as it was before the coming of Chinese and Japanese."